

**Senate File 186 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act allowing in-state bidders to match comparable  
2 out-of-state bids for purchases or public improvements  
3 through a competitive bidding process by the state or  
4 political subdivisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. If the lowest responsive bid received  
4 by the state or a political subdivision for products or other  
5 purchases is from an out-of-state business, and an Iowa-based  
6 business submitted a bid which is within five percent or ten  
7 thousand dollars of the price of the lowest bid, whichever is  
8 less, the Iowa-based business shall be notified and shall be  
9 allowed to match the lowest bid before a contract is awarded.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 73.3A Matching by Iowa bidders.

11 1. Notwithstanding this chapter, chapter 26, chapter 73A,  
12 chapter 309, chapter 310, chapter 331, or chapter 384, if the  
13 lowest responsive bid received for a contract for a public  
14 improvement or works is from an out-of-state business, and  
15 an Iowa-based business submitted a bid which is within five  
16 percent or ten thousand dollars of the price of the lowest bid,  
17 whichever is less, the Iowa-based business shall be notified  
18 and shall be allowed to match the lowest bid before a contract  
19 is awarded.

20 2. This section applies to the state, its agencies, and any  
21 political subdivisions of the state.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that for purchases and public improvement  
24 construction contracts initiated by the state or a political  
25 subdivision through a competitive bidding process, if the  
26 lowest responsive bid received is from an out-of-state  
27 business, and an in-state business submitted a bid which  
28 is within 5 percent or \$10,000 of the price of the lowest  
29 responsive bid, whichever is less, the state or political  
30 subdivision shall notify the in-state business and allow it to  
31 match the lowest responsive bid before a contract is awarded.